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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

David Balaban et al.

Application No.: 09/397,494

Filed: September 15, 1999

For: COMPUTER BASED METHOD
FOR PROVIDING A LABORATORY
INFORMATION MANAGEMENT
SYSTEM

Customer No.: 33494

Confirmation No. 8817

Examiner: Jeffrey R. West

Technology Center/Art Unit: 2857

**RESPONSE ACCOMPANYING
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
EXAMINATION (RCE)**

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed January 14, 2005 on the above-referenced application, and accompanying the request for continued examination (RCE) filed herewith, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.